



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Thornton

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VENTING AN INFLATABLE
CANNULA

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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In response to the Office Action dated December 11, 2003, the applicants make the following amendments:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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